

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following new text before the line beginning at page 1, line 3, reading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION":

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a division of copending U.S. patent application no. 09/041,890, filed on March 12, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,312,115.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 17-19, 21 and 27 as follows:

17. (Amended) A method of manufacturing an ink cartridge for use in an ink jet recorder, comprising the step of heating ink while it is being injected into the ink cartridge, to a temperature of at least approximately 10 C° above the ambient temperature of the ink, the ink being a liquid even when unheated.

18. (Amended) A method of manufacturing an ink cartridge for use in an ink jet recorder, comprising the step of heating ink while it is being injected into the ink cartridge, to a temperature of between approximately 10 C° and 20 C° above the ambient temperature of the ink, the ink being a liquid even when unheated.

19. (Amended) A method of manufacturing an ink cartridge for use in an ink jet recorder, comprising the step of heating ink while it is being injected into the ink cartridge, to a temperature of more than 20 C° above the ambient temperature of the ink, the ink being a liquid even when unheated.